

CHARLES THOMPSON.

MAY 3, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAYTON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10132.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, having fully considered the bill (H. R. 10132) for the relief of Charles Thompson, report and recommend that said bill do pass.

This bill was formulated by the Secretary of the Navy himself, forwarded to this committee, and introduced by the chairman of the subcommittee on private bills of this committee for the purpose of carrying out the expressed wishes of the Department.

This fact, as also those upon which relief is asked, are fully set forth in the annexed letter, made a part hereof.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 9, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for the consideration of the committee, a draft of a bill for the removal of the charge of desertion standing on the rolls of the U. S. S. *Wissahickon* against the name of Charles Thompson, of date June 21, 1865, and, in view of the fact that Thompson has served in the Navy for a period of nearly thirty-six years, before, during, and since the war of the rebellion, to recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the committee.

If this case had been presented while the act of Congress "to relieve certain appointed or enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps from the charge of desertion," approved August 14, 1888, was in force, the charge of desertion could have been removed under the provisions thereof.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG,
Secretary.

Hon. CHARLES A. BOUTELLE,
Chairman Committee on Naval Affairs, House of Representatives.

